**Filling-up of backlog vacancies**

*440. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the numebr of backlog vacancies as on the 31st March, 2004 in the Ministry and various Departments under the Ministry;

(b) whether special drive was carried out to fill up the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, number of vacancies filled up during the last two years, department-wise; and

(d) the number of backlog vacancies as on the 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) One Stenographer Grade 'D' of the S.T. Category.

(b) Yes Sir. The Department of Personnel and Training in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, being the recruiting agency has taken up a special recruitment drive for the filling up of backlog vacancies.

(c) Nil.

(d) One.

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**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**

**Proposals for new roads and bridges for construction in NER**

3021. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals from the North-Eastern States were received by the Central Government in respect of new roads and bridges for construction out of NLCPR fund and NEC fund in the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 State-wise;

(b) how many of them have been sanctioned and have been provided with funds;

(c) the names of the roads for which proposal have been received from Tripura and their present status;

(d) whether it is a fact that the number of projects sanctioned in Tripura is small in comparison to other States; and